

California Federal Lands Access Program: Overview

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) was created by the “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act” (MAP-21), and continued through the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, to improve state and local transportation facilities that provide access to and through federal lands for visitors, recreationists and resource users. FLAP funds are eligible for planning, engineering, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of transportation facilities but are not intended for maintenance (chipseal, potholes, etc.) projects.

Program Requirements:

Projects that may be considered for FLAP funding include:

1. The transportation facilities owned or maintained by the State, or local entity that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands with an emphasis on **high-use recreation sites or federal economic generators**. Projects may include *engineering, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, reconstruction, transportation planning*, and *research* of the eligible transportation facility.
2. The project applicant **must meet the minimum local match requirement**, which may include federal agency funds excluding *Title 23* or *Title 49* funds, with exception of the Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) and Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) both eligible matching federal programs. In California, the minimum local match requirement is 11.47%.

See <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/> for more information regarding eligibility.

Program Decision Making:

The California Federal Lands Access Program is administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by the Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD). FAST reinstates MAP-21 mandates whereby decisions are to be made through the California FLAP Program Decision Committee (PDC) in cooperation with Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA). Please refer to the 2017 Project Evaluation guidance for further information.

CA FLAP PDC Members:

- Ryan Tyler, Planning & Programs Manager, FHWA – CFLHD or designated representative Chris Longley;
- April Nitsos, Division of Local Assistance (or designated representative), and
- Richard Tippet, Trinity County DOT Director, (or designated representative)

Federal Land Management Agency Coordination:

- Per 204(c)(2) Consultation Requirement – the PDC cooperates with each applicable Federal agency in each State before any joint discussion or final programming decision. For big 12 States a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is formally convened.

Federal Land Management Agency	TAG Representatives
National Park Service	Justin DeSantis
National Forest Service	Leslie Boak
Bureau of Land Management	Paul Fulkerson
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Andrea Van Den Berg
Army Corps of Engineers	Phil Smith
Bureau of Reclamation	Dan Staton

California Federal Lands Access Program: Project Proposal Solicitation

Project Proposal Information:

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) presents a unique opportunity for state and local entities to obtain federal funding for a variety of transportation projects that improve access federal lands in the state of California.

California FLAP Summary

Annual Allocation	\$32.9 Million
Local Minimum Match Required	11.47%
Advertised Amount	\$60 – \$70 Million
Advertised Fiscal Years to Program	FY 2021 – FY 2022
Call for Project Proposals	January 23, 2017 – April 7, 2017 (deadline)
CA FLAP Website	http://www.flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/ca/

Project Proposal Process:

The PDC will review, evaluate, and prioritize all eligible Project Proposal submitted and select those to be short-listed using the Project Proposal evaluation criteria developed by the PDC. The PDC will select a balanced program that maximizes funding and addresses critical needs, in consultation with applicable Federal Land Management Agencies.

By submission of a Project Proposal the Applicant is acknowledging to the following requirements:

- a) Proposed projects must be located on a public highway, road, bridge, or trail that is located on, is adjacent to, or provide access to Federal lands for which the facility title or maintenance responsibility is vested with a State, county, city, township, tribal, municipal, or local government.
- b) The applicant must be the facility owner, have maintenance responsibility or must supply a letter from the facility owner/maintenance indicating the Proposal is being submitted on their behalf.
- c) It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply the necessary information to complete the Proposal to the best of their ability. This may include cost estimates, maps, photos, etc.
- d) Project Proposals must be supported by the appropriate Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA), documented by a completed support form or a letter of support.
- e) The California FLAP requires a minimum match requirement is **11.47%** of the total project cost. Other Federal (non-title 23 or 49) funds may be used as match. Please note this may require an approval (resolution) of a commitment of funds from the governing agency prior to the Project Proposal deadline.
- f) For all non-State agency applicants, a FLAP resolution has been furnished and includes:
 - a. Certification that consistent and sufficient maintenance of the transportation facility will be provided for a minimum of 20 years, preferably for the life of the facility.
 - b. Commitment letter from the governing body to provide all required matching funds, including toll credits if applicable.
- g) Following review of eligible Proposals submitted, the PDC will select a Short-list of Projects using the Project Selection criteria. If short-listed, the Applicant will enter into a Reimbursable Agreement (RA) for the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 within 45 days of notification of selection for CFLHD to complete project scoping efforts to develop an accurate scope, schedule, and budget.
- h) If the PDC and the Applicant agree with the project scope, schedule, and budget the PDC will approve the project for final programming. At this time the RA will be modified to meet the final match requirement for the full project scope, and a Memorandum of Agreement defining that scope as well as roles and responsibilities to be executed within 60 days from approval of funding.

California Federal Lands Access Program: 2017 Call for Projects Detailed Schedule

		<i>PRE-CALL</i>	<i>CALL</i>	<i>REVIEW</i>	<i>SELECT</i>	<i>SCOPE</i>		<i>DELIVER</i>
		<i>January</i>	<i>January - April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>
PDC		Notify agency counterparts and potential applicants of impending call for projects.	Advertise Call for Project Proposals to constituents.	PDC scores and ranks Proposals	PDC selects short-list of applicants		Review PDPs for short-listed projects at final project selection meeting	Funded program announced.
CFLHD		Schedule the call with state PDC, prepare the call packet, and update website with call schedule.	Issue Call for projects and distribute notification email to PDC and TAG	Prepares summary of all projects and evaluation sheets for PDC and TAG.	Notify short-list of projects and enters preliminary project agreement with Applicant	Scope short-listed projects and develop Project Delivery Plans for an accurate scope, schedule, and budget.		Notify applicants of program year and update agreements to proceed with work.
FLMA	Region (TAG)	Notify local units/stations in respective states of impending call for projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify units/stations in respective states of open Call for Projects. Notify FLMA units/stations and their respective local entities and State DOTs to submit projects 	TAG meets to evaluate projects to provide final ranking to PDC.	FLMA Region notified of short-list of Proposals.			
	Local Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review FLAP eligibility requirements. Engage state and local facility owners to identify and discuss potential projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support applicant by providing necessary Proposal information Provide initial acknowledgement of project on Proposal materials (FLMA Support Form) If Federal funds are being used for match; coordinate with Region for endorsement Notify FLMA Region representative of submitted Proposals. 	Support inquiries from TAG as needed.	FLMA included in notification of selection.	Engaged in scoping as appropriate.		Assign appropriate FLMA project representative to coordinate with CFLHD on execution of project agreement.
APPLICANT		Engage FLMA sponsor to discuss potential FLAP projects.	Prepare and submit Proposals with signature of supporting FLMA unit/station.		Short-list of applicants sign preliminary agreement to proceed with scoping.	Engaged in scoping as appropriate.		Assign project representative to coordinate with CFLHD on agreements.